

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **March 2, 2005**, the Examiner reviewed Claims 1-27. Claims 1-27 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Reiche (USPN 6,092,196, hereinafter “Reiche”).

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Independent claims 1, 7, 10, 16, 19, and 25 were rejected as being anticipated by Reiche. Applicant respectfully points out that Reiche teaches requiring the authentication server **to communicate with the client** to authenticate the client to a new customer server (see Reiche, col. 10, lines 34-38 and col. 6, lines 44-48).

In contrast, the present invention **creates a link to the known APID**, which includes the username, for the client to authenticate the client to the second server (see page 9, lines 15-18 of the instant application). Note that this linking does not require additional communication with the client to determine that the user is authorized to access the second server, because the APID includes the username. This is beneficial because it reduces communications between the authentication server and the client, and it simplifies the protocol. There is nothing within Reiche, either explicit or implicit, which suggests creating a link to the known APID for the client to authenticate the client to the second server, thereby creating a link to the username.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 7, 10, 16, 19, and 25 to clarify that the present invention creates a link to the known APID for the client to authenticate the client to the second server, and thereby creates a link to the username. These amendments find support on page 9, lines 15-18 of the instant application. Dependent claims 2, 11, and 20 have been amended to correct antecedent basis.

Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 7, 10, 16, 19, and 25 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-6, which depend upon claim 1, claims 8-9, which depend upon claim 7, claims 11-15, which depend upon claim 10, claims 17-18, which depend upon claim 16, claims 20-24, which depend upon claim 19, and claims 26-27, which depend upon claim 25, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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